

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

General Background

Chartered in 1766 as Queen's College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is the eighth oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. It has a unique history: from its inception as one of the nation's nine colonial colleges, Rutgers grew to become the land-grant college of New Jersey in 1864, and to assume full university status in 1924. Legislative acts of 1945 and 1956 designating it "The State University of New Jersey" qualified it as the youngest of the nation's major public research universities. The University of Newark merged with Rutgers in 1946, and the College of South Jersey in Camden joined in 1950. All of the university's property and educational facilities are imparted with a public trust for higher education of the people of the State.

In the short span of less than 50 years, Rutgers transformed from a disparate collection of schools, geographically dispersed and operating largely independently, into the ranks of the most prestigious educational institutions. That advancement was recognized in 1989 when Rutgers was invited to join the Association of American Universities (AAU). Dedicated to a threefold mission, Rutgers is equally committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and public service. Driving all of Rutgers' activities is the defining characteristic of a premier research university: the continuous and vigorous creation of intellectual capital—the new discoveries and insights that drive the advancement of human knowledge and contribute to the improvement of the human condition. The very same intellectual and physical resources that distinguish Rutgers as a comprehensive research university that creates and advances knowledge enable it to provide the kind of education that best prepares its undergraduates to participate in and contribute to today's intricate and fast-changing, knowledge-intensive world.

University Mission

As New Jersey's sole comprehensive public research university, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, has the threefold mission of:

- providing for the instructional needs of New Jersey's citizens through its undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs;
- conducting the cutting-edge research that contributes to the medical, environmental, social, and cultural well-being of the state, as well as aiding the economy and the state's businesses and industries; and
- performing public service in support of the needs of the citizens of the state and its local, county, and state governments.

Each component of the university's mission reinforces and supports the other two. For example, research creates the new knowledge so necessary to support quality instruction and innovative public service. The mission of the university is accomplished through its three regional campuses (Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick) and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, which complement and support each other, permitting the most effective use of state resources.

University Campuses and Academic Structure

New Brunswick is the birthplace of Rutgers and is home to the university's largest campus. The New Brunswick Campus actually comprises five smaller campuses, each reflecting the university's historical evolution: the College Avenue Campus in New Brunswick (74 acres)—the site of Rutgers College, as original Queen's College was renamed in 1825; the Cook Campus in New Brunswick and North Brunswick (753 acres)—originally the site of the experimental farm of the land-grant Rutgers Scientific School, later Cook College, and now the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; the Douglass Campus in New Brunswick (150 acres)—site of the New Jersey College for Women, later renamed Douglass College; and across the Raritan River, the Busch Campus in Piscataway (771 acres)—site of many science facilities; and the Livingston Campus in Piscataway and Edison (935 acres)—site of Livingston College, founded in 1969 as a shared learning community committed to academic innovation and excellence.

Tracing its origins to 1892, Rutgers–Newark today is housed on 38 acres in the downtown area of Newark, New Jersey's largest city. It is the northernmost campus of Rutgers, located just 20 minutes from New York City. The Camden Campus (29 acres) is located in the heart of the Camden Waterfront and metropolitan Philadelphia region. It began in the 1920s as an amalgam of the College of South Jersey and the South Jersey Law School.

In total, the university operates research and instructional facilities on 5,973 acres in 13 counties and 28 municipalities.

As of July 2007, university degrees are awarded by 27 schools and colleges. In New Brunswick, 17 colleges and schools offered degrees; in Newark, eight colleges and schools offered degrees; in both Newark and New Brunswick, the Rutgers Business School: Graduate Programs–Newark and New Brunswick offered degrees; and in Camden, five colleges and schools offered degrees. In March 2006, the university approved the restructuring of undergraduate education in New Brunswick resulting in the merger of the university's four liberal arts colleges of Douglas, Livingston, Rutgers, and University College into a single "School of Arts and Sciences."

In June 1998, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) reaffirmed the university's accreditation without conditions. A five-year Periodic Review Report was submitted to MSCHE, and in November 2003, MSCHE again reaffirmed the university's accreditation. Certain programs at the university are also accredited individually by professional accreditation associations. Among these include the AACSB International–The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET); and the Association of American Law Schools and American Bar Association.

DEGREE-GRANTING SCHOOLS AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS	
NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS	
School of Arts and Sciences	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science</i>
Douglass Residential College*	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor/M.D. offered jointly with UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Bachelor/M.B.A. in cooperation with the Rutgers Business School, Bachelor/M.P.P. or Bachelor/M.C.R.P. with the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with the School of Engineering</i>
Livingston College*	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with the School of Engineering, Bachelor/Master of Business Administration with the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick, Bachelor/Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science with UMDNJ School of Allied Health Professions, Bachelor/M.D. offered jointly with UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
Rutgers College*	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science with the School of Engineering, Bachelor/Master of Business Administration with the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick, Bachelor/Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science with UMDNJ School of Allied Health Professions, Bachelor/M.D. offered jointly with UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
University College - New Brunswick*	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science</i>
School of Engineering	<i>Bachelor of Science. Bachelor of Science/Master of Business Administration with the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick</i>
School of Environmental and Biological Sciences	<i>Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science/Master of City and Regional Planning with Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health with UMDNJ, Bachelor of Science/M.D.. jointly with UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Bachelor of Science/Master of Business Administration with the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Education with the Graduate School of Education, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Policy with Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy</i>
Rutgers Business School - Undergraduate New Brunswick	<i>Bachelor of Science granted jointly with the undergraduate liberal arts colleges in New Brunswick</i>
Mason Gross School of the Arts	<i>Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music</i>
School of Communication, Information and Library Studies	<i>Bachelor of Arts granted jointly with New Brunswick undergraduate colleges</i>
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science granted jointly with New Brunswick undergraduate colleges. Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Public Policy and Bachelor of Arts/Master of City and Regional Planning</i>
School of Management and Labor Relations	<i>Bachelor of Arts granted jointly with the undergraduate liberal arts colleges in New Brunswick</i>
NEWARK CAMPUS	
Newark College of Arts and Sciences	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts with the School of Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science/Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Administration with the Graduate School-Newark</i>
College of Nursing	<i>Bachelor of Science</i>
University College - Newark	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts with the School of Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science/Master of Business Administration</i>
Rutgers Business School - Undergraduate Newark	<i>Bachelor of Science</i>
School of Criminal Justice	<i>Bachelor of Science granted jointly with Newark College of Arts and Sciences or University College-Newark</i>
CAMDEN CAMPUS	
Camden College of Arts and Sciences	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Science, Bachelor of Arts/Master of Public Administration with the Graduate School-Camden, Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor with the School of Law-Camden</i>
School of Business - Camden	<i>Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Hospitality Management</i>
University College - Camden	<i>Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science</i>

*As of the 2007-08 academic year, these colleges are not accepting new students. Students who entered these colleges prior to the establishment of the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) will receive their degree from either their original school of enrollment or from SAS.

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GRADUATE DEGREE-GRANTING SCHOOLS	
NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS	
Graduate School–New Brunswick	<i>Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Arts for Teachers, Master of Science for Teachers, Doctor of Philosophy.</i>
	<i>Rutgers also offers graduate programs through interdisciplinary study, as well as dual-degree and joint-degree programs in cooperation with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and other area inst</i>
Graduate School of Education	<i>Master of Education, Specialist in Education, Doctor of Education.</i>
School of Social Work	<i>Master of Social Work</i>
Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology	<i>Doctor of Psychology</i>
Mason Gross School of the Arts	<i>Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Artist Diploma in Music, and Doctor of Musical Arts</i>
School of Communication, Information and Library Studies	<i>Master of Communication and Information Studies. Master of Library and Information Science</i>
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy	<i>Master of City and Regional Planning, Master of City and Regional Studies, Master of Public Affairs and Politics, and Master of Public Policy . Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health programs offered with the University of Medicine and Dentis</i>
School of Management and Labor Relations	<i>Master of Human Resource Management and Master of Labor and Employment Relations</i>
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy	<i>Doctor of Pharmacy</i>
NEW BRUNSWICK AND NEWARK CAMPUSES	
Rutgers Business School: Graduate Programs	<i>Master of Business Administration, Master of Accountancy in Taxation, Master of Accountancy, Master of Quantitative Finance, Master of Information Technology. Doctor of Philosophy</i>
NEWARK CAMPUS	
Graduate School - Newark	<i>Master of Arts, Master of Arts for Teachers, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Science. Doctor of Philosophy. Doctor of Nursing Practice. Rutgers also offers graduate programs through interdisciplinary study, as well as dua</i>
School of Law - Newark	<i>Juris Doctor</i>
School of Criminal Justice	<i>Master of Arts</i>
School of Public Affairs and Administration	<i>Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health (with UMDNJ)</i>
CAMDEN CAMPUS	
Graduate School - Camden	<i>Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Fine Degrees, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health (with UMDNJ). Master of Physical Therapy (joint degree with UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions). Doctor of Philosophy</i>
School of Law - Camden	<i>Juris Doctor</i>
School of Business - Camden	<i>Master of Accounting, Master of Business Administration</i>